Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] Fig. 1 shows a piston-cylinder unit 1 including a container tube 14 in which the individual parts (not shown in detail) of the vibration damper itself are located. A piston rod 2 projects out from this container tube 14, the upper end of the piston rod 2 extending through an upper mounting bearing 3. The upper mounting bearing 3 is attached to the body of a vehicle, whereas the lower area of the piston-cylinder unit with the piston rod 2 and the bellows 8 is located in a wheel well of the vehicle. A longitudinal bore 5a of a flow connection 5 in an upper end area of the piston rod 2 leads to the area outside the wheel well, e.g., to the area underneath the hood. The longitudinal bore 5a is connected to the interior space [~~15~~] 7 of the bellows 8 by a transverse bore 6. Air thus escapes the interior space [~~15~~] 7 of the bellows 8 to the outside via the transverse bore 6 and the longitudinal bore 5a of the flow connection 5, when the piston rod 2, as shown in Fig. 2, moves into the container tube 14 and the bellows 8 is thus compressed.

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following amended paragraph:

[0012] The upper end area of the piston rod 2 is attached to the mounting bearing 3 via a screw joint 4 with a nut 4a. In the embodiment shown in Fig. 1, an upper attachment part 9 is clamped axially between the mounting bearing 3 and the upper end area of the piston rod 2. The upper attachment part 9 has a circumferential groove which holds the bellows 8 in place by means of a bead which engages the groove. The opposite end of the bellows 8 is mounted in a lower attachment part 10 is arranged at a lower area of the piston rod 2, i.e., on the end of the container tube 14 where the piston rod 2 enters the container tube 14.

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph:

[0014] Fig. 3 is an enlarged view showing the connection of the lower end of the bellows 8 to the lower attachment part 10. The bellows 8 preferably consists of a rubber or rubbery material, the bellows having a bead such that the pretension of the bellows 8 allows [~~it to rest~~] the bead to engage with a sealing effect [~~against~~] in a circumferential groove formed by an undercut area 11 of the lower attachment part 10. The vibration damper or the MacPherson strut unit tends to corrode in the closed off area of the container tube proximate the undercut area 11. A [~~radial extension~~] collar 12 is provided on the bellows 8 to protect the endangered area from intruding moisture. The [~~radial extension~~] collar 12 of the bellows 8 is under pretension so that it is loaded axially against the container tube 14. If necessary, a small [~~opening~~] weep hole 13 may be provided at the lowermost point of the bellows 8 to avoid the accumulation of condensate, although the main venting function continues to be performed via the flow connection 5.